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Sri G. KRISHNAMOORTHY: Is there any limit to the maximum number of books that will get the prizes, Sir?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: Only one prize is given under each category. That is the information I have, Sir.

Thermal Plant at Tuticorin

*96 *Q.*—Sri S. K. SAMBANDHAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any proposal to set up a Thermal Plant at Tuticorin; and

(*b*) if so, the stage at which the matter now stands?

The Hon. Sri R. VENKATARAMAN: (*a*) The Madras Government have proposed the establishment of a Thermal plant at Tuticorin; and

(*b*) It is under the consideration of the Government of India.

திரு. ஜே. பொன்னுசாமி வில்லவராயர்: அது தனியார் துறையிலா அல்லது பொதுத் துறையிலா என்று சொல்ல முடியுமா?

கனம் திரு. ஆர். வெங்கட்டராமன்: நாம் முதலில் மத்திய சர்க்காருக்கு எழுதியதில் 100 மெகவாட் கொண்ட மின்சக்தி நிலையம் வைப்பதாக எழுதியிருந்தோம். இப்போது 250 மெகவாட் மின்சக்தி கொண்ட நிலையம் செய்து கொடுக்க முன் வந்திருக்கிறார்கள். அவர்கள் செய்து கொடுக்கும் நிலையத்தை ஏற்றுக் கொள்ள வேண்டுமென்று எழுதியிருக்கிறோம்.

Sri S. K. SAMBANDHAN: Is there any proposal to recommend any other Thermal station at Coimbatore as was requested by the mill-owners of that district?

The Hon. Sri R. VENKATARAMAN: Yes, they did long ago. But I do not think they are now in a position to put it through, because the cost has gone up between the period they proposed and now. So, there is no active proposal from Coimbatore for a thermal station to be established by them.

Sri S. K. SAMBANDHAN: After the proposed thermal station at Tuticorin materialises, when do the Government propose to take it over?

The Hon. Sri R. VENKATARAMAN: As soon as it is completed. It will be put up by Dr. Dharma Teja with the assistance of the State Electricity Board. The cost thereof would be met by the private entrepreneur and it will be handed over as soon as it is completed by the Electricity Board, and we will repay the amount over a period of 12 years.

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SRI K. S. ABDUL WAHAB : In the Fourth Plan the name of Dr. Dharma Teja is mentioned in this regard. I want to know who the person is and other details?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : We need not know eervything about that gentleman. It will suffice for us to know that that gentleman has agreed to put up a plant at Ramakundam, and he has got enough funds to put through some more schemes like this.

SRI M. SUBBIAH CHETTIAR : In view of the heavy demand for electricity, will the Government consider the question of putting up thermal stations wherever necessary in the mufassal towns and also in the City of Madras?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : Our programme of thermal stations is fairly attractive. We are going to have a 340 M.W. station at Ennore. The Neyveli station is to be expanded from 400 to 600 M.W. The Kalpakkam plant will have another 400 M.W., and the Tuticorin plant will have another 250 M.W. I think the thermal power generation will be fairly satisfactory.

திரு. ஜே. பொன்னுசாமி வில்லவராயர் : காலவரையறை குறிப்பிட்டு அதை முடித்துத் தரும்படி ஏற்பாடு செய்யப்படுமா?

கனம் திரு. ஆர். வெங்கட்டராமன் : சர்க்கார் பிறகு என்ன செய்யும்? கால வரையறைக்குள் கொடுக்கக் கூடாது என்று கேட்பார்கள், என்று எனக்கு புரியவில்லை.

Cauvery water to Madras City

3-10 p.m. * 97. *Q.*—DR. H. V. HANDE : Will the Hon. the Minister for Food be pleased to state with reference to the answer given to Legislative Council Question No. 170 on 31st March 1964 the stage at which the matter of bringing the Cauvery Water to Madras City, for drinking purposes, now stands?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : The matter is still under investigation.

DR. H. V. HANDE : What is the estimated cost of the project?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : It is under investigation and so I am not in a position to give an answer.

DR. H. V. HANDE : What are the results of the investigations? Are they bright or bleak? Are there possibilities of getting water?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : The possibility of getting water is certain. Where to locate it, and what will be the cost is now under investigation.